

## **Exhibit D**

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Mat and Patrick,

As you know, the United States has sued the State of Mississippi (State) regarding the State's adult mental health system. The State includes its political subdivisions, departments, agencies, divisions, committees, boards, and other similar state entities, as well as state court judges. We recently learned that DOJ may have had, or may have attempted to have, ex parte communications with State actors. It is our position that DOJ should not be having ex parte communications with State actors regarding DOJ's mental health lawsuit against the State. Please provide a list by Friday, August 4, 2017, of all State actors DOJ has communicated with regarding its mental health lawsuit against the State, and please confirm by that date that DOJ will cease and desist from any such ex parte communications going forward. If we are unable to promptly resolve this matter, we will seek a teleconference with Judge Ball. Thank you.

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